



EFICEEC - EFISEE News

This is the EFICEEC-EFISEE News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The intent is to provide update information every third month and call attention to our latest news and

accomplishments. EFICEEC-EFISEE News will be distributed via email as well as posted on the joint EFICEEC-EFISEE website: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int>

EFICEEC-EFISEE Annual meeting 2014

The next EFICEEC-EFISEE Annual Meeting is scheduled for **9 - 11 December 2014**, and will take place in Vienna, Austria. It will include the partner assembly, the constitution of the Regional Advisory Group, and a scientific session, for which 1-2 journal special issues are envisaged. **Please bookmark these dates!**

EFI 2014 Annual Conference in Bilbao

The EFI 2014 Annual Conference takes place in Bilbao, Spain this year, on 10 - 12 September 2014. A new element is the **Young Scientists Session**, where young researchers are invited to present their recent work. EFICEEC is financially supporting one of the candidates. Looking forward to meeting you in Bilbao!

Information on registration find [here](#).

COST Action FACESMAP meeting in Helsinki

The 3rd joint Management Committee (MC) and Working Group (WG) meeting of COST Action FP1201 (FACESMAP) took place in Helsinki, Finland on 14 - 16 May 2014, hosted by the Finnish Forest Research Institute (METLA).

Around 90 participants from 29 countries gathered to work on the topic of forest land ownership changes. We were happy to welcome also partners of EFICEEC-EFISEE among other participants.

The meeting was dedicated to work on the first country report results, as well as continuing work in sub and task-groups. At the meeting, interaction with local stakeholders was organized using a "Travellab" approach. This comprised focused discussions with local stakeholders in the field and workshops with stakeholders in afternoon sessions.



Photo by Ivana Zivojinovic

Next meeting will take place 15 – 16 September 2014 in Freiburg, Germany.

For more information visit the FACESMAP Action [website](#).

ARANGE 2nd Annual Meeting

More than two years after the project kicked off the entire consortium met again in Madrid, Spain on 7 - 9 May 2014, to brainstorm on the final phase of the ARANGE (Advanced multifunctional forest management in European mountain **ranges**) project.

The key objectives of the meeting were to wrap up the past and to construct the future pathways of the ARANGE concept. While days 1 & 3 were assigned to in-house work to discuss crucial tasks in depth amongst experts and set up a plan of action for the final phase of the project, on day 2 another

cornerstone of this meeting was scheduled - a field trip to the Iberian Case Study Area, the Valsain forests ("Las Matas de Valsain" and "Pinar de Valsain") in the mountain range of the Sierra de Guadarrama. The main aim of the excursion was to gain insights both to the targets and conflicts of forest management in the region where some of the best Scots Pine forests in Spain are located. For more information on the project, please visit the ARANGE website www.arange-project.eu – You can also follow us on [Facebook](#).





Cooperation on indicators with Forest Europe Liaison Unit Madrid

At the 6th FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe in 2011 in Norway and as part of the future FOREST EUROPE strategy, ministers agreed on “Goals for European Forests”, as well as on “European 2020 Targets for Forests”. So far these goals and targets are purely descriptive and addressed in the “Oslo Ministerial Decision: European Forests 2020”. This Ministerial Decision comprises no related qualitative or quantitative indicators at national and international level to assess the achievement of the “Goals for European Forests” and “European 2020 Targets for Forests”. This is however the basis to be able to present whether the goals and target have been met

or not. A qualitative or quantitative verification of the achievements also leads to an increased recognition of the role of forests and their sustainable management.

The elaboration of this task was assigned by the FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit Madrid to EFICEEC in the beginning of June 2014 and it should be conducted until March 2015. Results will be presented in the next State of Europe’s Forests Report in 2015.

If you have specific questions please contact [Stefanie Linser](#).

COST Action CAPABAL

New **COST Action TN1401 CAPABAL** targeting capacity building in SEE/WB (South East European/West Balkan) region is now approved!

The Network aims at enhancing young scientists' and future policy makers' professional skills and access to networks and emerging research in the field of forestry and forest management in the Western Balkan region. This would help achieve the sustainable forest management and governance international standards and promote economic development in the area. CAPABAL will target: early stage researchers (ESR), future policy leaders, young resource managers employed in regional institutions ranging from forestry faculties and research institutes to natural resources ministries, forest enterprises, businesses, NGO's.

The main planned outputs of CAPABAL are:

- a foresight document on the future of Balkan forests
- a Strategic Research Agenda to address the challenges and opportunities identified in the foresight.

First meeting will be some time in September.

Further information can be found on the following [link](#).

New EFISEE staff

EFISEE office has a new employee - **Ms. Marta Curman** who started in May. She is a researcher who holds MSc in Forest Policy and Economics from the Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade. She is interested in forest policy, especially related to topics of private forest owners, forest biomass and nature protection. Marta, welcome on board!



EFISEE meeting in Sofia, 27 May 2014

Meeting of the EFISEE partner organisations took place in Sofia, Bulgaria on 27 May 2014. Participants discussed work plan and strategic plan for EFISEE for the next two years. Also Memorandum of Understanding between Croatian Forest Research Institute and partner organisations for the period 2014-2016 is in the process. Once again partner organisations showed their dedication to the EFISEE Regional Office and willingness to participate in its activities.





ERASMUS+ proposal

A proposal for the ERASMUS + call under key action Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices and in the field of Strategic partnerships for vocational education and training was submitted by Croatian Forest Research Institute in April. The proposal titled **Collaboration for innovative approach in sustainable forest management training (CIA2SFM)** involves seven organisations

from Austria, Croatia and Slovenia with Croatian Forest Research Institute being the project coordinator. The proposal is worth about 400,000 EUR. The results of the evaluation will be available by the end of August and proposed start of the three-year project in case it gets green light is September 2014.

Student staff @ Startree

Since April and May **Lisa Lehner** and **Magdalena Lackner** are new trainees at EFICEEC. They are both forestry students at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna and got to know EFI through their activities with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA). Currently they are working for the **StarTree Project** in the case study region of Styria. The interviews concerning the supply chain of Non-Wood-Forest-Products (NWFP) in Styria are carried out by both of them. Additionally they are helping conducting the in-depth case study questionnaires, and other project related work.



Lisa Lehner



Magdalena Lackner

Invitation for book chapter writing “Ecological Forest Management Handbook”

Dr. Michal Bosela from National Forest Centre - Forest Research Institute Zvolen (Slovakia) invites you to contribute to the book chapter writing. Title of the book is “*Ecological Forest Management Handbook*”. It is edited by Dr. Guy Larocque from Canadian Forest Service and will be published by Taylor & Francis Group/CRC Press.

The objective of the project is to produce a handbook that will be a helpful guide and learning tool for the application of the basic principles of ecological forest management. Classic forest management concepts will be reviewed, but the intent is to emphasize the use of ecological knowledge and understanding of forest ecosystem processes to guide the development of sustainable and adaptive management scenarios for the production of goods and environmental and social services. As ecological forest management is a complex process that requires broad knowledge, the description of several key concepts, the use of forest models and the derivation of ecological indicators will be reviewed. The book will cover these topics for the three main forest types: boreal, temperate and tropical forests. Authors from different forest regions will participate in the project.

Chapter to be prepared is **Sustainable forest management indicators**. Deadline for manuscript submission is autumn of this year and the number of manuscript pages should be about 30 (for all the three forest types together: boreal, temperate and tropical forests).

For further information please contact Dr. Michal Bosela at bosela@nlcsk.org.





SUSTAIN ACTIVE IP Erasmus program

The Erasmus Intensive Programme (IP) "Sustain Active" was held from 11 - 2 May 2014 at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague. IP Course was organized by Technical University in Zvolen, Slovak Republic in cooperation with the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague and Savonia University of Applied Sciences in Iisalmi, Finland. Twenty-two students of the 9 different nationalities (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Ghana, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Vietnam) and 16 lecturers of the 6 different nationalities (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia) took part together in this IP.

The aim of this Erasmus Intensive Programme was to provide students the possibility to develop their abilities and skills in elaborating case study projects of innovation scenarios for natural resources utilization in context of green economy for potential or existing enterprises in European rural environment.

The course combined key lectures (also on-line lectures) given by experts on innovation solutions of natural resources utilization in context of green economy in Europe, working group sessions and a range of excursions that have illustrated innovative projects in practice as the "best practices" or "success story". At the end of the IP course

participants have finalised their case study reports and presented their results to the open public, and also via on-line broadcasting to another universities participated in this IP. They have been also awarded by diploma certificates with the guaranty of 10 ECTS credits.

Please, visit the IP website www.sustainactive.eu and explore more about the Erasmus Intensive Programme and the green economy projects.

From EFICEEC M.Sc. Ivana Zivojinovic was present and gave lecture on innovation system and processes as new rural opportunities, illustrating examples for forest sector.



Photo by Daniel Halaj

Career perspective: Sustainability Expert in the Danube Region?

The International Joint Degree Master Programme "**Sustainable Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region**" (Danube AgriFood Master/DAFM) focuses on self-development in a multicultural European region. At the end of this course, students should be able to identify some of their own culturally-biased

assumptions and behaviour, and begin to objectively address the benefits of EU multiculturalism for regional agriculture and food industry.

The international Master Programme involves 9 partner universities.

More details are available on the [webpage](#).

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- EFI 2014 Annual Conference and the Seminar "Future of Bioeconomy in Europe", 10-12 September 2014, Bilbao, Spain
- XXIV IUFRO World Congress 2014, 5 -11 October 2014, Salt Lake City, UT, United States
- International conference: "From Generation to Generation – the use of commons in a changing society", 16 – 19 September 2014, Umeå, Sweden
- International scientific and expert conference "Natural resources, green technology and sustainable development", 26 - 28 November 2014, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2nd Nordic Conference on Forest Policy Science, 12-14 November 2014, venue: Ångavallen, Southern Sweden

